Distribution of Radio-sets among Korbu Tribal families of Maharashtra

2296. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will distribute radio sets to the Korbu tribal families in Melghat forest region of Amravati district where 4500 children have died due to malnutrition and diseases;

(b) whether proper health campaign on the radio in the Korbu language will contribute to prevent these deaths; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps will be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. Central Government does not supply Radio sets.

(b) and (c) Health and nutrition education programmes are regularly broadcast from All India Radio station, Nagpur, which covers the Melghat region. Action has been initiated to broadcast these programmes in Korbu language also. Recently, a folk and tribal music collection centre has been set up at All India Radio, Nagpur. Its activities will also cover the Korbu tribes.

No Air Correspondent stationed at Rajkot

2297. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no AIR Correspondent stationed at Rajkot which is the socio-economic capital of Saurashtra region comprising of Rajkot, Jamnagar; Bhavnagar, Junagarh and Surendranagar districts of Gujarat; and

(b) If so, why and by when it is proposed to post AIR Correspondent there for covering this region of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The post of Correspondent at Rajkot has been abolished under 10 per cent economy cut and the incumbent rendered surplus was posted to Kutch (Bhuj) where a vacancy in the grade existed. The Saurashtra region is being covered by the Regional News Unit; Bhuj as well as part time Correspondents at Junagarh and Jamnagar.

जी.टी.वी., ए.टी.एन. और स्टार टी.वी. द्वारा प्रसारण अधिनियम का उल्लंघन

2298. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जी.टी.वी., ए.टी.एन., स्टार टी.वी. समूह जैसी निजी टी.वी. प्रसारण सेवाएं भारतीय प्रसारण अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत कार्य नहीं कर रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में सरकारी तौर पर कोई अध्ययन किया है ;

(ग) क्या जी.टी.वी. द्वारा भारत सरकार के प्रसारण अधिनियम का खुले आम उल्लंघन किया जा रहा है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने जी.टी.वी. को भारत में अन्य देशों के विज्ञापन प्रसारित करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(च) सरकार द्वारा देश में निजी चैनलों के प्रसारण के लिए क्या मानदण्ड निर्धारित किए गए हैं ; और

(छ) क्या सरकार द्वारा ऐसे चैनलों की समय समय पर समीक्षा की जा रही है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस. जयपाल रेड्डी) : (क) फिलहाल कोई, भारतीय प्रसारण अधिनियम नहीं है ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

(घ) और (छ) देश के बाहर से अपलिंक किए जाने वाले विदेशी उपग्रह टी. वी. चैनलों को विनियमित करने के लिए वर्तमान में कोई प्रभावी कानून नहीं है । प्रसारण विधेयक, 1997 जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ साथ इन टी.वी. चैनलों के विनियमन का प्रावधान है, को 16.5.97 को संसद् में प्रस्तुत कर किया गया है और यह इस समय संयुक्त संसदीय समिति के विचाराधीन है ।

Voters photo identity cards

2299. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA:

SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of voters identity cards on the recommendation of the Election Commission has been completed in all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof including expenditure involved and the infrastructure required therefor;

(c) if not, the details of States which have either not introduced this system or have objected for its introduction in their respective States; and

(d) in what way Government propose to tackle the issue in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) None of the States has objected to the implemention of the scheme. The scheme is at different stages of implementation in all the States except the States of Jammu and Kashmir where it has not been introduced.

(d) The Election Commission is constantly reviewing the progress made by the State Governments in implementation of the scheme and, for that purpose, Chief Electoral Officers send regular fortnightly reports to the Commission.

Pending cases in original jurisdiction of Supreme Court

2300. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many civil/criminal cases so far pending in the original jurisdiction of Supreme Court as on 30th June, 1997;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the backlog of pending cases and do justice to the aggrieved parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The pendency of cases in the Original Jurisdiction of Supreme Court as on 30.6.1997 was as follows: